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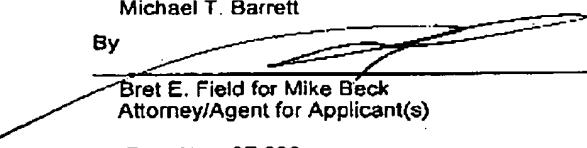
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Respectfully submitted,

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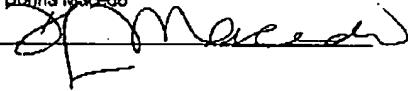
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office communication dated September 21, 2006.

In the above referenced office communication, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, requiring the election of the claims of either:

- Group I, i.e., Claims 1-9 and 26-29;
- Group II, i.e., Claims 10-25; or
- Group III, i.e., Claim 30-33;

for further prosecution in this application.

The Applicants hereby elect Group I with traverse.

The Applicants also respectfully urge the Examiner to rejoin the claims of Groups II-III with the elected claims of Group I for examination in this application for the following reasons.

The MPEP allows an Examiner to examine otherwise patentably distinct sets of claims if to do so would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 8.03 states that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.